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# 'FRAUD' LAID TO LABOR ZIONISTS

## RELIGIOUS LEADER SAYS LABORITES LIE ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATA

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NEW YORK (NJP)—An assertion by a Labor Zionist publication in this country that the religious schools operated by the Histadrut, Israel Federation of Labor, in Israel "has more pupils than Mizrahi and Aguda (the two religious school "trends") combined," was challenged this week by Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) Organization of America.

Dr. Churgin charged that the religious school system operated by the Histadrut is a fraud.

The Histadrut claim appeared in the current issue of Histadrut Foto-News, a monthly issued by the National Committee for Labor Israel an American affiliate of the Histadrut in Israel. Replying to a letter from a reader named Harry Greenberg, Brooklyn, who reported that in Orthodox Jewish Life, publication of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, articles were published charging the Histadrut with "doing all in its power to prevent religious children from getting a religious education," Histadrut Foto-News said the charge was "absolutely false."

### MAGAZINE EXPLAINS

"Within the Labor trend of schools under Histadrut supervision," the Labor Zionist journal asserted, "there is a religious section which has more pupils than Mizrahi and Aguda combined." Foto-News added that "More religious workers belong to Histadrut than to the non-Histadrut labor groups." The three non-Histadrut unions are the Hapoel Hamizrachi and Poale Agudath Israel, both possessing strict religious orientations, and the National Labor Federation, right-wing Herut union.

Histadrut Foto-News further noted that "within Histadrut there is a well-organized religious group, Haoved Hadati (The Religious Worker), which promotes the establishment of synagogues for workers and supplies religious textbooks and other essentials. The National Committee for Labor Israel in response to an appeal from Histadrut has sent prayer books, Bibles, Talmudical works and other religious materials to Haoved Hadati."

### DENIES COERCION

Denying that Histadrut coerces immigrants to select Labor schools, the publication stated that "the only influence exercised by Histadrut is moral. Naturally, when the mass of immigrants see that it is mainly Histadrut which takes concrete interest in their welfare—employment, social and cultural adjustment, and so on—they express their faith in its educational network, particularly in its schools, which are conducted strictly in accord with Orthodox practice."

Concluding, Foto-News said: "While Histadrut believes in the freedom of religion for its members, it has taken positive steps to help meet the religious needs of those who seek to practice it in the traditional forms. It seems that the Mizrahi and Aguda rabbis resent the worship of God outside their political framework. Such fanaticism is rejected by



DR. CHURGIN  
'Shameless Falsehood'

the vast majority of the people in Israel."

In a sharply-worded attack on the Histadrut statement, Dr. Churgin, outgoing president of Mizrahi, stated that during the last 30 years only three school systems—General Zionist, Histadrut (Labor) and Mizrahi—existed in Palestine.

"In the General Zionist schools, the program has always been completely secular, and similarly in the Labor trend. The only recognized religious schools during those 30 years was the Mizrahi trend, which now has 59,000 pupils. During the past ten years, Agudat Israel, a religious faction outside the World Zionist Organization, organized its own trend and at the present time about 10,000 children are being educated in the Aguda schools."

### CITES BACKGROUND

Dr. Churgin said that when the first Government was organized "and a coalition of the Mapai and the Religious Bloc was organized, the Government recognized only those four trends. The Mapai Labor party led by Prime Minister Ben Gurion did not demand at that time Government recognition and support for the so-called Histadrut religious schools for an excellent reason: they did not exist."

"Only when a tremendous increase in religious Jews took place and the Mapai feared that the rapid growth in the total of traditional-minded Jews in the Israeli Jewish population might bring a majority of religious Jews in Israel, did the Labor sector act to use every form of coercion to prevent the children of the religious newcomers from attending the Government recognized religious schools and seek to draw those children into the Histadrut schools."

### CHARGES DECEIT

He observed that many of the traditionally-minded Jews from the Moslem countries "knew nothing of the political structure in Israel or of the differences between Mizrahi, Aguda and Mapai. The only magic word which appealed to them was 'dat' (re-

ligion) and they were deliberately misled by the overnight creation of a trend of religious schools within Histadrut of a so-called Haoved Hadati (Religious Worker).

"What actually happened," the Mizrahi leader continued, is that the "Histadrut officials deliberately set aside a number of their schools for camouflaging purposes. The changes included revision of the signs on the selected schools, skull-caps on the heads of the supervisors and presto! a new religious trend appeared in the State of Israel."

### RAPS HISTADRUT

Criticizing Histadrut for maintaining secular programs in their religious schools and for failure to add to their staffs qualified religious teachers, Dr. Churgin commented that "no amount of transport of prayer books, Bibles and other religious materials to Israel will serve as a defense against the contention that in one fashion or another, they continue to seek to prevent religious children in Israel from getting a religious education."

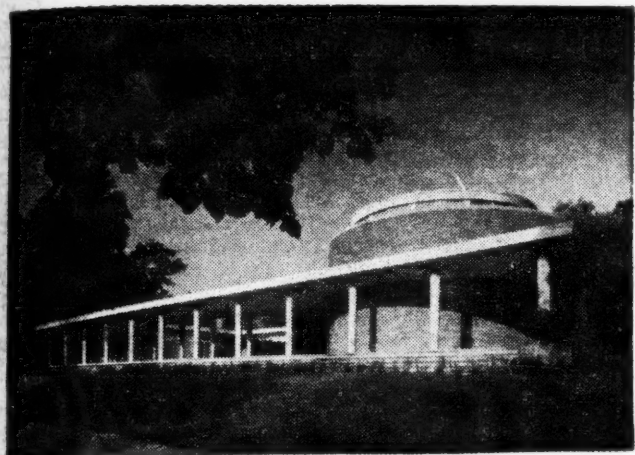
The Histadrut charge that "Mizrahi and Aguda rabbis resent the worship of God outside their political framework" was termed a "shameless falsehood" by Dr. Churgin.

The religious Zionist leader declared: "What Mizrahi and Aguda rabbis and with them the entire religious Yishuv (community) in Israel and the hundreds of thousands of traditionally-minded Jews in America want is that worship of God should actually take place not only in the synagogues and in the bona fide religious schools but even in the present Haoved Hadati camouflaged religious schools."

### CAN'T CITE FIGURES

Meanwhile, Nahum Guttman, editor of the Histadrut Foto-News asked for exact attendance figures in the labor-operated religious schools, said that he didn't have them available "just now." He said his source for the assertion that the Histadrut religious schools had more children than the Mizrahi and Aguda religious schools was a delegate from the Histadrut who recently arrived here from Israel.

As for the Foto-News statement that more religious workers belong to Histadrut than to the Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious labor) or Poale Agudat Israel labor unions, Guttman defended the assertion, saying that Hapoel Hamizrachi had 30,000 members and Poale Agudat Israel 10,000, and speculating that of the 500,000 Histadrut members, "surely 10% are religious Jews."



## 'The Courtyard of the Lord'

The design for the new Hillel Foundation building at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., was inspired by the Biblical plan of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, with the circular chapel rising above a colonnade and an outdoor court modeled after "The Courtyard of the Lord" through which the pilgrims of ancient Israel passed as they came into the Temple. Built at a cost of \$315,000, the building was designed by Max Abramovitz, a member of the firm which planned the United Nations headquarters in New York.

## PICTURE MAGAZINE ON ISRAEL WILL APPEAR EARLY IN 1953

By ASHER BIRNBAUM

National Jewish Post Correspondent

CHICAGO (NJP)—Israel Life, a new English language monthly magazine aimed at the world Jewish market, is scheduled to make its appearance early in 1953 with an initial printing of 100,000 copies.

With a format patterned after Life Magazine, Israel Life will be largely pictorial but also will contain features, fiction, and news of world Jewry.

A spokesman for the magazine told The Post that the first issue of 88 pages will be placed on sale sometime between January and April.

### MAIN CENTERS

Main centers of expected sales, according to the spokesman, will be Los Angeles, New York and Chicago. However, it will also be introduced in other cities of the U. S., Israel, and other centers of sizeable Jewish population.

Distribution will be handled partially through Jewish organizations, which will be able to earn money in proportion to their sales. Organizations approached with this proposal have responded favorably, the spokesman said. Little attempt has been made yet to sign up individual subscribers.

The magazine will sell for 50 cents a copy. A one-year subscription will cost \$4, two years \$7.50, and three years \$10.50.

### PRIVATE VENTURE

Israel Life is a completely private enterprise, with ties to no organization and subsidization from none, the spokesman told The Post. The board and stockholders have raised a "good part" of the \$150,000 considered necessary to begin publication, he added, and a series of parties is underway to interest other investors.

The magazine will not serve as

a vehicle for organizations with axes to grind or for personal publicity, the spokesman stressed.

Five Chicagoans comprising the board of directors are Roy Fey, president, a Certified Public Accountant and head of Fey-Manning Inc., women's apparel shops; Peter Harlib, vice-president a Chicago police sergeant; David Balkin, vice-president, and his brother William, treasurer, both insurance men; and Karl Rhodie, secretary, a CPA.

Editor of the publication is Lou Shainmark, former executive with the Hearst chain. Tom White, not Jewish, an experienced account executive, is circulation manager.

Stockholders include Abraham Finkelstein, president of the Zionist Organization of Chicago; Al-an Sheppard, member of the Israel Bond sales cabinet; and Judge David R. Mandel.

The staff of Israel Life will include three persons in Israel, and a roving correspondent in the Middle East. The exact number of personnel required in the U. S. and in locations abroad has not been determined. All feature and news syndicates available to the magazine also will be used, the spokesman said.

Published in Chicago, the four-color magazine will use paper stock and printing facilities similar to those used by Life Magazine, The Post was told.



## ZOA LEADERS OPPOSE PLAN TO BROADEN ZIONIST COUNCIL

NEW YORK (NJP)—Despite Rabbi Irving Miller's assent three weeks ago following his talks in Israel with Prime Minister Ben Gurion to broaden the American Zionist Council, Zionist Organization of America leaders, at a combined meeting of its executive committee and administrative council, expressed strong opposition to such a move.

During the discussion of the ZOA president's trip to Israel and of the forthcoming conclave of the heads of the American Zionist organization with Ben Gurion, ZOA delegates warned that the Prime Minister is still seeking to weaken the ZOA by stripping it of major activities such as in the areas of Hebrew culture, youth and halutzut. They pointed out that Ben Gurion may be using the proposal to enlarge the Council as a means to hasten a federation setup, in which all Zionist parties in the diaspora would merge into a single, over-all Zionist federation.

### GROUPS INVITED

The four organizations invited to the unprecedented special conference with Ben Gurion Nov. 18, two days before the world Zionist Actions Committee convenes in Jerusalem, are Hadasah, the Labor Zionist Organization, Mizrahi (religious Zionists) and the ZOA.

Rabbi Miller's earlier acceptance of the Ben Gurion proposal to enlarge the Zionist Council, on which are represented the ma-

for U.S. Zionist groups, through the establishment of culture, youth and halutzut departments was viewed by many ZOA leaders as a mistake. To prevent a similar mishap, Miller and Mortimer May, who will attend the Ben Gurion conference, were instructed to make no commitments whatever for the ZOA at the Israel sessions.

### MOTIVE SUSPECTED

It was suspected that Ben Gurion's aim is to cut across internal ZOA lines. Even Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Zionist Council who opposed Miller's candidacy for the ZOA presidency, expressed concern over the Ben Gurion sponsored conclave, saying that broadening the Council is primarily a matter of the Zionist movement and not of the Prime Minister of Israel.

There was some talk that the ZOA should not even participate in the Ben Gurion meeting, but this approach was not accepted.

### Harry Weiner Elected Mayor of Medicine Hat

MEDICINE HAT, Canada (WNS)—Harry Weiner, newly elected mayor of this town in the province of Alberta, is the first Jew to have been elected to that office in western Canada. Weiner is a farmer and businessman. There are forty Jewish families in Medicine Hat, and they support a synagogue, a Hebrew school and a small variety of Jewish organizational activities.

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## Council For Judaism Rejects Charge It's Assimilationist

NEW YORK (NJP)—For the first time in the turbulent nine-year history of the American Council for Judaism, a Council spokesman has publicly rejected the repeated charge of its critics that the Council represents a collection of assimilationist Jews.

The repudiation was made by Rabbi Elmer Berger, Council executive director, who asserted that it was "preposterous" for a group of Jews to organize "in order to lose their identity as Jews. A group cannot organize itself out of existence."

Rabbi Berger replied to the persistently-fired "assimilationism" charge in a statement to the "New Leader," liberal weekly.

### FOLLOWED REVIEW

The statement was one of a series that followed a review by Rabbi Abraham Burstein, editor of The Mizrahi Outlook, official organ of the Mizrahi (religious-Zionist) Organization of America, of Rabbi Berger's latest book, "A Partisan History of Judaism," in the June 9 "New Leader."

The argument, which ran for several weeks in the periodical, also involved Judd Teller, public relations director of the Jewish Agency, and Henry S. Moyer, Council national vice-president. Details were reported in the current issue of the "Council News," official organ of the anti-Zionist group.

Rabbi Burstein asserted in his review that Rabbi Berger had "presented the attitude of the assimilatory irreligious sectors of Jewry associated in the small but vociferous American Council for Judaism."

### SEES NO CASE

Asserting that there was no Jewish case against Zionism, Rabbi Burstein declared that "the vast majority of American Jews, including those who have served in the armed forces and the overwhelming number of rabbis of every persuasion, indignantly repudiated the presumption that Jewish interest in the new state of Israel denotes a dual allegiance, a divided loyalty."

"As has been pointed out innumerable times, the Council has never dared to proclaim that an Irishman's interest in Ireland is a reflection on his American patriotism, or that the first American jet ace, when he visited his family in Lebanon, thereby proved himself a disloyal American soldier."

Rabbi Burstein also denounced Council quotations from the Bible, "which never ceases to harp on the return to Zion," as a "bit of literary impudence."

Rabbi Berger made his reply in the August 4 issue, terming the review "dogmatic and in part, rather intemperate."

"The American Council for Judaism is neither 'assimilatory' nor 'irreligious,'" he asserted. "It would be, on the face of it, preposterous for a group of people to organize as a Council for Judaism in order to lose their identity as Jews."

### 'ENERGETIC CAMPAIGN'

Rabbi Berger also replied to the charge of irreligiosity by



RABBI BERGER  
'Preposterous'

citing the Council's "energetic campaign of creating religious school textbooks which are designed to create an appreciation, in a new generation, of a Judaism stressing the universal ethics and moral values of our faith."

The Council executive director also disputed Rabbi Burstein's contention that there was no Jewish case against Zionism, and declared that Rabbi Burstein "does both Zionism and anti-Zionism and injustice by drawing the old herring of patriotism across the issues, which can be stated on both sides with intellectual decency and respect for personal integrity."

### PATRIOTISM NOT QUESTION

Rabbi Berger insisted that "the question is not patriotism or lack of it, and the American Council for Judaism has never argued on that level."

In a reply Rabbi Burstein declared he would be "glad at any time to spend some hours with Rabbi Berger proving that the Council, is in fact assimilatory and irreligious—words which rile the uneasy consciences of some Jews."

"I again make the charge that the issue of dual allegiance and patriotism has been repeatedly posed by the Council, directly or indirectly, he added. "Rabbi Berger does not discuss the matter of an Irishman's loving Ireland and like attitudes, which his group does not protest."

### SUGGESTS SYMPOSIUM

The exchange moved the Council to suggest to the weekly that a symposium be arranged by the magazine on the debate and offered to help with the arrangements and "defray incidental expenses." The editor of the "New Leader" declined.

Teller, in an August 18 letter, said that the Council could not be classified with the large body of Jewish socialists and liberals

who for years criticized Zionist policies.

### COUNCIL 'NOT LIBERAL'

"The American Council for Judaism obviously is not liberal, for liberals do not impugn the American loyalties of persons or groups from whose views they dissent," Teller wrote.

Moyer repeated the standard Council defense against accusations that the Council has libeled American Jewish Zionists with imputations of disloyalty, by declaring that the Council had simply called attention "to the danger in the Zionist program and their public statements causing Americans generally to assume that a body of American Jews is not fully loyal to the United States."

Rabbi Burstein told The Post that "the Moyer statement is typical of the fraudulent position of the Council on this argument."

### 'OVERLOOKS FACTS'

"What Mr. Moyer conveniently overlooks are the facts, first that 'the danger in the Zionist program' is one which is observable only to Council members and one usually conceived through the most tortuous dialectics; second, until the Council calls the alleged danger to the attention of the general public, including non-Jews, the vast majority of that public has never heard of the alleged danger, since it does not in fact exist; and third, the contention that the alleged danger causes Americans generally to assume that a body of American Jews—meaning Zionists—is not fully loyal to the United States is not a fact of research on the attitudes of American Jews generally but a projection of Council fears."

"The fact that a Council vice-president can calmly make such a statement for public consumption in a general magazine, totally without any evidence that the Council has attempted to make any survey whatever of whether such an assumption exists among any Americans other than Council members, proves my contention that such slurs on the loyalty of American Jewish Zionists are, despite Rabbi Berger's disclaimers, fundamental aspect of Council policy," Rabbi Burstein said.

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# KASHRUT FIGHT OPENS IN DETROIT

## ALL-KOSHER KITCHEN DEMANDED AT HOSPITAL

DETROIT (NJP)—Detroit Jewry geared itself for its own version of the "Long Island Jewish Hospital Affair," when about 400 representatives of local Jewish organizations last week went on record urging the institution of all-kosher facilities at Sinai Hospital here.

The hospital, like the Long Island hospital which is now under construction, would have trefa and kosher facilities for the respective patient's option. Many months of negotiation and protest by rabbinical and lay representatives of all sections of New York Jewry have failed to move the Long Island hospital sponsors from their original half-kosher plan.

Rabbi Morris Adler, Conservative spiritual leader, and Rabbi Isaac Stollman, Orthodox, reported to the overflow meeting at the Davison Jewish Center here on negotiations that had been conducted with the local Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Hospital Association.

The two rabbis last summer had warned they would take the issue to the public if the federation and the hospital did not act on their demand for complete kashruth. Rabbi Leon Fram, Reform leader, however, declared that it was "not fair to impose all limitations of a kosher diet on all Jewish and non-Jewish patients if they did not request it." (NJP, July 11, 1952)

The spokesmen for complete kashruth expressed regret that it had become necessary to resort to public means to force kashruth, but that they could not compromise in the matter. They declared that only an all-kosher kitchen would fulfill the traditional needs, and that a part-kosher kitchen would be a "ghetto" within the "Jewish" hospital.

The gathering adopted unanimously a resolution declaring it "an indispensable requirement for a Jewish hospital to be completely kosher in all its departments, save in such cases in which medical requirements would indicate otherwise, and that any other arrangement constitutes a grievous offense against Jewish sentiments in the community at large."

The Committee of 100 for a Kosher Hospital, which is spearheading the all-kosher campaign, has urged local organizations to adopt their own resolutions supporting the campaign.

## German Deputy Who Opposes Reparations Cited as War Criminal

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Committee disclosed this week that Josef Trischler, leader of the 28 deputies in the West German Parliament opposing

ratification of the West German-Israeli restitution agreement, is "a wanted war criminal."

### CITE REPORTS

The Committee cited Yugoslav Government reports which named Trischler, Yugoslav-born Nazi who represented German ethnic groups in Yugoslavia and Hungary during World War II, as one of those charged with re-

## N.Y. Federation Names Religious Co-ordinator

NEW YORK (NJP)—Public pressure mobilized against the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York in the fight for kashruth at the Federation-backed Long Island Jewish Hospital, has apparently prompted the welfare organization to make concessions to the religious point of view.

While not yielding on the hospital issue, Federation has appointed a coordinator of religious affairs, is negotiating for the possible conversion to kashruth of dining facilities at several Federation-supported institutions, and is taking steps to have kosher food at more of its public functions.

The new religious coordinator is Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, former director of the religious department of the United Service for New Americans and the New York Association for New Americans. Rabbi Trainin, who is Orthodox, also was a director of the Endowment Foundation of Yeshiva University and was a consultant to the president of Barton's Bonbonniere.

### BETTER RELATIONS

In an interview with The Post, Rabbi Trainin said he felt that the work he was doing would improve relations between Federation and the Jewish community. He stressed, however, that he did not view his appointment as an outgrowth of the pressure applied by Long Island rabbis and laymen opposing Federation's plan to have both kosher and non-kosher facilities at the Long Island Jewish Hospital now under construction.

"Federation has been sensitive to the religious community for years," the young rabbi said, pointing out that before his appointment to the post, Federation had been advised on religious matters by rabbinical members of its board and by the New York Board of Rabbis. But leaders in

sponsibility for killing 21,000 Serbs and several thousand Jews during the German occupation.

In a statement charging that the 28 deputies "are the dangerous voice of neo-Nazism in Germany," the Committee declared: "The action of the 28 deputies of the West German Bundestag in trying to block ratification of the West German-Israeli restitution pact confirms the information we have had that a Nazi-Arab axis has been formed and is now actively operating."

### OPEN ALLIANCE

"The neo-Nazi elements have wooed and perhaps have won the political and financial support of the Arab League. Neither of these groups make any secret of their alliance. The arrival in Bonn of an Arab delegation Oct. 20 was one part of the plan of the Nazi-Arab axis to attempt to influence the Bonn government to repudiate their agreements with Israel, and with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany," which presented the claims of world Jewry to the reparations talks.

## Human Relations Chair Established at Brandeis

WALTHAM, Mass.—Mortimer Gryzmish, Boston businessman and philanthropist, celebrated his 70th birthday yesterday with the establishment of the Gryzmish Chair in Human Relations at Brandeis University.

The first Chair of its kind at the four-year-old university, it will "stimulate objective research and instruction in the problems of racial and religious conflict," Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president, said.

the Long Island Kashruth struggle, during which Federation has been accused of an anti-religious attitude, felt satisfied that the campaign had been largely responsible for Federation's naming Rabbi Trainin and taking simultaneous steps toward improving its religious program.

### TASK TO INTERPRET

"My task," Rabbi Trainin said, "is to interpret Federation to the religious community, and also to interpret the religious community to Federation." He said that many of the complaints leveled against the organization had shown a lack of knowledge of what Federation stands for and attempts to do.

Asked why his appointment, which became effective Sept. 8, had not been publicly announced, Rabbi Trainin replied that it had been felt a public announcement might result in some people thinking that the new post was merely a facade.

### CHANGES PLANNED

The Post learned that Federation had been contemplating serving kosher food in several institutions where non-kosher food was now served. Rabbi Trainin, stating that it was not possible to discuss the picture at present, and declining to name the institutions, confirmed that such negotiations were underway. He said there had been demands from the various communities for such a move, and acting in response to these local demands, "as it should be," Federation was taking steps to satisfy them.

One of the accusations that had been leveled against Federation was the serving of trefa food at public functions. Rabbi Trainin disclosed that one of his

prime tasks was to facilitate having kosher food on the menu as often as possible.

### PROBLEM OF COST

He said that the greatest problem was not whether Federation wanted kosher food, but the cost involved. He pointed out that kosher meals cost as much as \$3 per plate additional, and this "impossible" cost would run to \$250,000 per year if kosher food were served at all Federation affairs.

That is why, Rabbi Trainin reported, he has been busy negotiating with 14 of the city's top caterers and five top hotels to give Federation better rates on dinners. He said he had been very successful so far, had already brought down prices considerably, and added that because of this program Federation would be able to afford to run more kosher functions.

### SEES NO CHANGE

As for the situation at the Long Island Hospital, Rabbi Trainin said that to his knowledge the plan was still the same—to have a kosher kitchen and a non-kosher kitchen. The cornerstone has already been laid and the institution is expected to be ready in about a year.

Thus, the opposition to the plan had so far failed to bring about a reversal, although some activity was still being carried on. The Committee for Kashruth at the Long Island Jewish Hospital has scheduled a meeting for Nov. 12 at the Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills, L.I., when the subject: "What Ails Jewish Philanthropy in America" will be discussed by Ludwig Lewisohn, professor of literature at Brandeis University noted observer of the American Jewish scene.

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## CALIFORNIA CURRICULUM BODY OPPOSES BIBLE READING BILL

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (NJP)—The Curriculum Commission of the California State Board of Education is opposing legislation proposing five minutes of daily Bible reading in the public schools.

The Commission, an advisory body of the Board of Education, is studying the bill by Assemblyman G. Delbert Morris, Los Angeles, originally submitted to the 1951 legislature, which was unable to reach agreement last year.

### DAILY READINGS

The bill requires daily readings aloud from sections of both the Jewish Bible and the New Testament without comment from teachers or students. Parents who objected could have their children excused.

The Commission's determination to oppose the bill was embodied in a resolution presented at a meeting here after a study of questionnaires submitted to 348 school districts throughout the state, most of whom also expressed their disapproval. Some of the objections as contained in the resolution of the Commission

are:

"The provision permitting students to be excused would be difficult to administer, especially in some 800 one-teacher schools. It might cause emotional conflicts in students excused.

"Ordering teachers and students not to discuss the selections is contrary to the basic principles of American schooling and might lead to further misunderstandings.

"It would be difficult to select the passages for reading. Some teachers might be forced to read selections conflicting with their own beliefs.

"There would be a tendency for parents to expect the state to provide the impetus in religious education.

### ALL DISAGREE

"No two religious groups have been able to agree on the bill."

William L. Blair president of the State Board of Education, declared that the report of the Commission would be submitted to the state body at its meeting in Los Angeles Jan. 2 and 3, when definite action will be taken.

consult with the Council.

The Council, Segal said, is issuing its present statement in an effort to head off recurrence of incidents touched off in recent years by individuals who took counsel with the established Jewish agencies only after the incidents created by their public action.

## Dr. Louis Levy, Memphis, Dies at 63

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Dr. Louis Levy, noted eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, art patron, and leader in Jewish affairs, died last week at 63.

Born in Paducah, Ky., Dr. Levy, who founded the Memphis EENT Hospital, was former president of the local Zionist district, B'nai B'rith Lodge, Congregation Children of Israel and Temple Israel, and was named, in 1929, the city's "most valuable Jewish citizen."

He was also former president of the former Memphis Symphonic Society and was among the first medical men to be trained as flight surgeons during the early days of the Air Corps in World War I.

Dr. Levy is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

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## No Data Available on Effects Of Jewish Television Programs

(This is the second of a series of three articles in an exclusive report describing the growth and impact of television under Jewish sponsorship).

By BEN GALLOP

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (NJP)—Four years ago, the first regular television program under Jewish sponsorship was launched in New York.

Precise data on the effect of Jewish use of this new medium in communication and education continues to be lacking but anecdotes are plentiful.

One day, Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer, of New York, who has earned an unofficial tag as a "television

rabbi" for his many appearances on TV, particularly on Channel Five, shouldered his way into a crowded subway train and stood tightly packed in a typical subway crush.

Glancing casually around, he noted that a fellow strap-hanger was staring at him intently. His mind made up, the strap-hanger nodded triumphantly and yelled something at Rabbi Kertzer which was inaudible in the subway roar.

Rabbi Kertzer, guessing it referred to his television appearances, nodded in response and held up one hand with five fingers outstretched. The strap-hanger smiled broadly and belatedly, "yeh, yeh, channel five."

### AJCOMMITTEE LEADS

The majority of Jewish-sponsored television programs are produced by the American Jewish Committee's radio and television department, which is headed by Milton E. Krents. Considering the sheer amount of programming involved, the department contends that it manages to do a great deal with very little.

Krents' staff consists of exactly two people, Esther Schulman and Lynne Rhodes. Rabbi Kertzer, who is the AJCommittee director

## Arnold W. Shilanse Succumbs at 28

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Arnold W. Shilanse, chief psychologist at the Wernersville, Pa., state mental hospital, died last week at 28 in Walter Reed Hospital here, after an illness of several months.

Shilanse had been associated with the New York Foundling Home before going to Wernersville three years ago. He served as consultant psychologist to the Lebanon, Pa., Valley Mental Health Clinic, and to the Jewish Community Center of Reading, Pa.

A veteran of World War II, he was an active Zionist and a member of several psychological associations. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Shilanse, and a sister, Mrs. Doris Workman, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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of inter-religious activities, acts as liaison man in relation to Jewish groups participating in the programs. Robert Disraeli, the AJCommittee's director of film activities, contributes his skills as needed. Milton Himmel-farb, the Committee's specialist on Jewish education also serves as a consultant.

### SHORT BUDGET

Lack of a hefty budget to some extent accounts for an obvious shortcoming on these programs—dependence on formulas. Television, compared to radio, is a staggeringly expensive operation. Staging of a full-scale dramatic show, for example, calls for funds of eye-popping size. The first Talullah Bankhead TV 60-minute show on the NBC-TV network cost \$118,000 for time and production.

This fact accounts also for the heavy use of religious programs by Dumont, which lacks the financial resources of the big networks. A program on which the total cast consists of a rabbi-moderator and a guest visitor, both donating their personalities, puts little strain on the station's budget.

It is true that television, like radio, is bound by law to offer free time as a public service, but free time on television involves some basic operational costs about which radio need not worry, but which service organizations dare not forget in developing TV programs.

### GROUPS COOPERATE

Another answer to the question of how the AJCommittee produces as much as it does on what it asserts to be comparative shoestring budget and staff is an emphatic and repeated assertion that the record would be impossible without the cooperation of Jewish religious bodies.

Krents' department not only works closely with Jewish religious organizations, but makes a point of giving these organizations top billing on the programs. The credit announcement on "The Week in Religion," for example, declares that the show is edited by the Synagogue Council of America, in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee.

The SCA, which represents nationally the three wings of American Judaism, congregational and rabbinical, selects the rabbis for the program, rotating Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis on a monthly schedule. AJCommittee network shows are produced in cooperation with the SCA. Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, noted Reform leader who is a frequent moderator on Jewish TV programs, is chairman of the SCA committee on radio and television.

### LOCAL PROGRAMS

For local programs, the AJCommittee works with the New York Board of Rabbis, which represents nearly 600 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis in New York State. Rabbi Harold L. Gordon, the NYBR general secretary, serves also as its radio and television committee chairman.

Committee spokesmen, discussing Jewish sponsored television, stress the cooperation with religious organizations for some obvious reasons. When Jew-

ish religious bodies complain about inter-faith activities carried on by non-religious organizations, they are talking about the American Jewish Committee, a proposition dramatized in the MacIver Report recommendation that such activities be taken away from the Committee (and the Anti-Defamation of B'nai B'rith) and turned over to religious group sponsorship.

The unofficial retort of AJCommittee officials engaged in that work is that all such labors are conducted in close cooperation with religious bodies and that what the Committee is doing is bringing its admitted technical "know-how" and contacts into joint programs, in which the religious aspects are supervised by religious authorities.

### RITUAL MATTER

For instance, there is the Krents' department attitude on such a purely ritual matter as the covering of heads of participants on its TV shows. The policy is to suggest to every rabbi on every program that he wear a yarmulke. Some of the ultra-Reform rabbis ignore the diplomatically-worded request, but it has become virtually mandatory on special holiday shows.

When Rabbi Philip Bernstein, a former (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis president, appeared on the widely-praised Passover program last spring on Dumont, he wore a skull cap. So did Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, of Long Island, another leading Reform rabbi, on the same network's telecast of a Yom Kippur program last September.

The Committee's contention is that in this field, as in others, it has the technical staff and the experience, and that entirely on its own volition, it has always invited rabbinical and other religious groups to work on programs not simply as participants but as co-producers.

Though no one at the Committee would say so for the record, it was made evident that the SCA, asked to undertake on its own a sustained TV venture, would be forced for lack of experience, staff and budget to default the opportunity. The co-operation offer from the Committee, it was suggested unofficially, has provided rabbinical groups in particular with a significant opportunity to learn the many technical aspects of this promising new medium in communication with the general public.

### 'ANXIOUS TO LEARN'

"The rabbis are anxious to learn all they can about TV," says Krents, adding that "we're happy to be working with them and we couldn't have accomplished what we have done without them."

The comparative limitations of budget have not been as deadening to program content as might be anticipated. Variety and Bill-board, the two leading publications in the entertainment field, have both praised the AJCommittee-produced programs. The Jewish Theological Seminary's TV shows on "Frontiers of Faith" on NBC have won an accolade from the Saturday Review.

(To be continued)

## Care Urged in Xmas-Hanukah Issue

BOSTON (NJP)—Boston Jewish organizations and individuals are being urged not to get involved in public action opposing or favoring Christmas or Hanukah observances in the public schools.

Robert E. Segal, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston which has issued this advice, declared that the matter of such religious holiday observance in public schools "is a delicate and sometimes explosive problem," and urged that persons or groups contemplating public action first

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# VAST WATER SOURCE FOUND IN NEGEV

BEERSHEBA, Israel—What is considered one of the most sensational discoveries of natural resources during the last decade of research in Israel was disclosed last week, when the Hebrew University announced it had dug a well with a capacity of 88,000 gallons of water per hour in the vicinity of the watershed near here.

The well, dug on a site chosen by Professor L. Picard of the Hebrew U. Department of Geology, goes down about 1,300 feet, and the water has a chlorine content of only 25 parts per hundred thousand, The Jerusalem Post reported.

## SEES TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES

The presence of such a supply of underground water, Professor Picard said, opens up tremendous possibilities for the area's industrial and agricultural development. With three or four similar wells, Beersheba could support an industrial population of 100,000, he believes.

Located in the southerly part of the country, and called "the capital of the Negev," the agricultural development of the region has been hampered by the need to bring most of the water by pipeline over great distances.

"The discovery of underground water in the northern Negev," The Jerusalem Post noted, "completely refutes an opinion expressed by Mandatory authorities as recently as 1946 to the effect that further searches for large quantities of water in the area would be fruitless."

With this discovery of water, reported The Post, Professor Picard feels that large quantities of groundwater may also be found even in the Jerusalem and Safad districts, where the problem of the water supply has also been acute.

## 'NEED NOT BE A WILDERNESS'

Meanwhile, Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, and a leading Palestine archeologist, reporting on the discovery of many terraced wadis and cisterns in the Negev, to catch the run-off of rain water, asserted that the Negev, which has been widely regarded as a waste area virtually impossible of reclamation, "was not and need not be a wilderness."

The new discoveries, made during Dr. Glueck's recent visit to Israel, also included dozens of earthen dams, and were made, according to the archeologist who 20 years ago discovered King Solomon's copper mines at Etzion Geber, by the Nabateans, in the first century C. E.

Dr. Glueck said he plans to return to Israel soon to continue his archaeological work.

## Religious Zionists To Convene Nov. 12

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — More than 1,000 delegates representing 70,000 members in 285 chapters throughout the U. S. are expected to attend the 32nd annual convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America here Nov. 12-16.

The convention, which will mark the start of the second half-century of the existence of the world religious Zionist movement, will discuss plans to start construction of the Bar-Ilan University, which American Miz-

rachi is establishing the first new university in Israel since the proclamation of the state.

The delegates will deal also with the problem of establishing more effective working relationship with Hapoel Hamizrachi, the religious labor Zionist movement whose American wing had its origin as a Mizrahi youth movement.

The convention will immediately follow that of the Mizrahi Women here Nov. 9-12.

Danish Jewry has given 1,200 Jewish and Hebrew books to the Royal Library of Copenhagen.

# Jewish Publication Society Heads Reject 'Doom' Of Jewish Book Market

By HARRY HOFFMAN

National Jewish Post Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA (NJP)—Recent gloomy observations about the state of the "Jewish book market," and the lack of incentive for Jewish writers and publishers, have been categorically rejected by Lesser Zussman, executive secretary of the Jewish Publication Society of America.

Zussman paints an optimistic picture of the field, and in doing so deplores statements that "help create a defeatist psychology throughout the land."

"It's a very simple matter," he said during a conversation in the neatly laid out office of the JPS here. "Take, for instance, Herman Wouk's 'Caine Mutiny.' This super-selling Pulitzer Prize winner has sold, let's assume, 300,000 copies. But it is directed at a potential market of about 155,000,000 Americans.

"JPS books, which have an over-all sale of 5,000, are directed toward a Jewish population of only about 5,000,000.

## SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

Simple arithmetic shows that our good Jewish books sell on a par with the smash hits. And when you consider that such smash hits are in a distinct minority, the JPS average stands up very well indeed."

In addition, the genial Zussman, who stands six feet, four inches, and weighs 240 pounds (he looks more like a football fullback or a prize fighter than a book seller), pointed out that many JPS books are of general interest and lasting value. Some, published in 1890, continue to sell 200 to 300 a year. The average sale of these previously published volumes runs 8,000 to 10,000, with some going as high as 50,000, exclusive of The Holy Scriptures, which, in its various editions, sells 25,000 annually—year in and year out.

## SEES JUSTIFICATION

Concurring in this opinion is Dr. Solomon Grayzel, widely-known author and historian, who is secretary and editor of JPS. He feels, however, that while the American Jewish community is supporting its writers and publishers, there is some slight justification for the pessimism that has crept into thought on the subject.

"Traditionally, we are the people of the books," said Grayzel. "We have a right to expect an infinitely larger proportion of our people to read our Jewish books. Subconsciously, that is what the pessimists must feel when they criticize what they call 'small book sales' among the Jewish people. And it is true that we have a right to expect from the Jews of the United States that this situation will improve with time as the cultural influences of Jewish life become stronger.

## WON'T CONCEDE DEFEAT

"For that reason the JPS attempts to provide books that are needed rather than books that are entertaining. We refuse to admit defeat for the Jewish community. We refuse to say that the Jew—like any Tom, Dick or Harry—wants only to be entertained.

"What we are trying to do is build the Jewish culture in the United States on firmer foundations, and we feel that, on the



DR. GRAYZEL  
'Right To Expect'

whole, we are succeeding."

The JPS was first founded in Philadelphia in 1845 and continued until 1851, when it was wiped out by a disastrous fire. Twenty years later, it was reorganized, this time in New York, but after four years, in 1875, was forced out of existence by lack of support.

## RECONSTITUTED

In 1888, it was reconstituted in Philadelphia through the direct stimulus of Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, Dr. Solomon Solis-Cohen, Jacob H. Schiff, and many others. Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, was the first editor of JPS, which, in all its years, has had but three editors.

Operating on a non-profit basis, and subsidized by various welfare funds, individuals and endowments, the JPS now brings out from six to 10 new books each year. The Society now plans to enter upon a more intensive program in three fields—juveniles, Bible studies, and American Jewish history.

Guided by the ideal of printing only constructive Jewish books, the Society tries to commission authors to write on special subjects. However, many manuscripts are submitted voluntarily and in some instances completed books are submitted. Dr. Grayzel actually reads from 50 to 200 manuscripts each year.

## SHARES PUBLICATION

On occasion, where it is felt that both the book and author will benefit, a volume is brought out in participation with another publisher. As an instance, Dr. Chaim Weizmann's autobiography, "Trial and Error," was published in conjunction with Harpers, while Salo W. Baron's "A Social and Religious History of the Jews" was brought out with the Columbia University Press.

In such dual printings, the Society loses its sales through book store outlets, confining itself to its membership lists. But this is looked upon as a minor consideration inasmuch as the book gets

wider distribution and the author profits from a greater return. The Society gives all authors full royalties.

## CITES SUCCESSES

Returning to his original thesis, Zussman pointed out that in the field of the novel, using 1952 figures only, Max Brod's "Un-amba," translated from the German by Ludwig Lewisohn and published together with Farrar, Straus & Young, has enjoyed a well-merited success. A novel of the war in Israel, the JPS edition of 3,000 is practically sold out, and a reprint is scheduled soon. Farrar, Straus & Young is in a similar position.

A second 1952 book, "The Last Revolt," the story of Rabbi Akiva, written originally in Yiddish by Joseph Opatoshu, has already sold approximately 3,000 copies and is expected to sell more than 4,000 before the end of the year.

In the non-fiction field, JPS has had similar experiences. "American Jewry and the Civil War," an original study by Rabbi Bertram W. Korn, was published a little over a year ago and has already sold more than 3,000 copies. Baron's "History," published last December, sold out so rapidly that the edition of 2,500 sets of two volumes had to be reprinted long before the projected date.

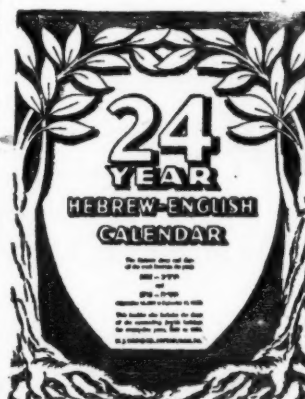
## BOOK CLUB IDEA

The JPS method of bringing its books into Jewish homes is an interesting one—probably the forerunner of the present-day book clubs. As a matter of record, Harry Scherman, founder and head of the Book of the Month Club, likely was indoctrinated on the JPS plan inasmuch as his mother was associated with the Society for more than 30 years.

The Society, first in America to use the book club pattern, enrolls members. A \$5 annual membership entitles the member to two books a year, an \$11.25 dues payment calls for five books annually, while an institutional membership gives 10 (Continued on next page)

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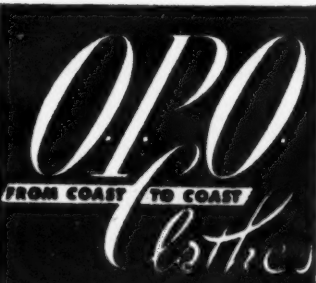
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## Reject 'Doom' of Jewish Book Market

(Continued from preceding page) stance, touch an "Able's Irish Rose." Also verboten are any books that might say anything derogatory to Judaism or any Jewish individual.

### BUDGET

Many memberships are taken out as gifts for bar mitzvahs, confirmations, birthdays, weddings, Hanukah gifts and on other occasions. In addition, some memberships are taken with the proviso that the books be sent to institutions in the U.S.

### IMPORTANT FUNCTION

The Society feels that this is an important function, inasmuch as institutions that have benefited from such gifts are located all over the world—in the United States, South America, Israel and Europe—and constitute valuable accessions to libraries there. The Society is of the opinion that such distribution of its books to institutions which cannot purchase them because of currency or other restrictions is a very important public service.

At present, the Society receives dues from about 9,000 active members. Many priests and ministers are included on the rolls, as are libraries throughout the world and in many cities all over the United States. Many universities are members, and the Vatican Library has been carried as a JPS member for years.

In addition to the distribution of books to members and to the gifts abroad (the bulk of which goes to Israel), the Society conducts a regular trade with book stores, having some 800 open accounts in the United States, and with dealers in England, South Africa, Sweden, Israel, and other lands.

### OVERSEAS MARKET

Before the Second World War, the overseas trade was quite intensive and the Society had many foreign members. This, however, has fallen off, but it is hoped that now, through Mutual Security pact currency guarantees, the foreign market will re-open.

In selecting books for publication, the Society's primary aim of knowledge and culture in the Jewish home is rigidly adhered to. If the volumes enjoy popular appeal, this is merely a delightful extra dividend.

JPS books are selected with an eye toward provoking thought and increasing knowledge of Judaism and Jewish heritage. They are not written for the movies or small edition reprints. The Society will not publish a book that plays on sex as a theme, nor will it have anything to do with a manuscript that presents intermarriage in a favorable light or in other than a thoughtful manner. It wouldn't, for in-

stance, touch an "Able's Irish Rose." Also verboten are any books that might say anything derogatory to Judaism or any Jewish individual.

Operating on a budget of \$250,000 annually, the Society must of necessity have a limited staff. All printing and binding are purchased on bid bases, with every ten-cent piece watched closely. Economy is not merely a word at JPS—it is a watchword. To save costs, the Society operates its own modernly-equipped addressing and mailing room in its building at 222 N. 15th st., where it also has storage space for an adequate supply of books. Additional warehouse space is purchased at the lowest possible figure, commensurate with safety and other factors.

The JPS, which had been receiving substantial grants from local Jewish welfare funds during the war, withdrew from these funds after the war, because it felt the dollars were more critically needed for overseas work. This has turned out to be a rather serious mistake and the Society is now planning to reapply since the financial aid it was hoping to receive from individuals has not been forthcoming.

### FUND-RAISING

Successful fund-raising meetings have been held in Baltimore, Washington, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, while a continuous effort is being made in New York. The deficit that accumulated since the end of the war is being steadily reduced, and the Society is now getting back to a more solid financial position. It is hoped that the budget will be balanced after re-application and acceptance by the various welfare funds throughout the United States.

Heading the list of the JPS most popular works is, of course, the Bible in its various editions. Next is Dr. Mortimer J. Cohen's "Pathways Through the Bible," with a sale of nearly 60,000, and Dr. Gratzel's "A History of the Jews," 20,000. Also selling for many years has been Heinrich Graetz' six-volume "A History of the Jews," the only authorized English translation of the great work of the leading Jewish historian.

The JPS catalogue embraces a wide variety of works—religion, American Jewish history, biography, historical fiction, fiction, juvenile books, Bible studies, philosophy, the Jewish classics, essays and literature, novels, poetry and short stories, books on the holidays.

Also published every year is The American Jewish Year Book,

compiled by the American Jewish Committee.

### JUVENILES

The juveniles are quite popular, and one of them, "Mr. Benjamin's Sword," by Robert D. Abrahams, an adventure tale about Judah P. Benjamin, Vice President of the Confederacy, and his escape from his pursuers at the end of the Civil War, has been praised by the Daughters of the Confederacy as "one of the best books written about the War Between the States."

In addition to "Last Revolt" and "Unambo," the 1952 JPS list includes "Fallen Angels," by Bernard J. Bamberger (religion); the second volume of Early American Jewry, "The Jews of Pennsylvania and the South," by Jacob R. Marcus; "Stories of King David," by Lillian S. Freehop (juvenile); "Don Isaac Abravanel," by Ben Zion Netanyahu (biography). The 1952 Year Book is slated for publication in December.

### HOLIDAY BOOKS

The holiday books, which are always available, include "Hanukah, the Feast of Lights," compiled and edited by Emily Solis-Cohen; "Sabbath, the Day of Delight," compiled and edited by Abraham E. Millgram, and "The Purim Anthology, compiled and edited by Philip Goodman.

The juvenile books are divided into age groups 6 to 10, 10 to 12 and 13 to 15. They encompass a wide range of subjects, from "The Aleph-Bet Story Book" to Bible tales, stories suitable for the various Jewish holidays, stories and legends from Jewish lore, stories on customs and ceremonies in Jewish life, some biographies and fiction.

The list of JPS titles is a long one, and others of interest are "Jewish Pioneers and Patriots," by Lee M. Friedman; "Stories and Fantasies," by Emil Bernhard Cohn; "Rembrandt, the Jews and the Bible," by Franz Landsberger; "Man Is Not Alone," Abraham J. Heschel's work on the philosophy of religion; "Judaism and Modern Man," by Will Herberg, and Soma Morgenstern's novel of Eastern Europe, "The Testament of the Lost Son."

### COMPARES FIGURES

Zussman concluded: "When one looks at sales of 25,000 books for certain best sellers, our figures look weak, but when the fact that only a handful of books reach this figure each year, and the further fact that the 'Jewish book market' is naturally limited, then our minimum printings of 4,000 books per title certainly indicate that American Jews do support the publication of good books of Jewish interest. Such support is especially commendable when you realize that our books are not sensational by nature and contain no such devices as sex or controversy that are frequently used to lift books into the best seller class.

"True, the Society receives gifts through support from individuals and subventions from welfare funds, but this total support amounts to less than 10 percent of our annual budget. Thus, the American Jewish community can be credited for giving support to the Society because it wants and will buy good books of Jewish interest that preserve and enhance our Jewish heritage."

R. Barkatt, Israeli delegate to the recent Congress of the Socialist International in Milan, Italy, was named a member of the Central Bureau of the International and an alternate member of the International delegation to the conference of the Asiatic Socialist Parties in Rangoon, Burma, next month.

## REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

### GO MAKE PICTURES FOR THE ZIONISTS

By SHIMON WINCEBERG

At least one documentary film producer in Hollywood is currently without enthusiasm for the artistic and educational possibilities of a film on halutzut. He is Art Gould, one of the most all-round accomplished people you're liable to run into in a month of ferrying between Culver City and Burbank. To give you a brief idea, he was one of the original "Dead End" kids on Broadway; he is a highly competent painter, both sur- and realistic; he has been a freelance photographer for such magazines as Life, Look, Fortune, Redbook, etc.; has published short stories and poetry in little magazines; last worked as assistant to producer Joe Kaufman on "Sudden Fear," and is now producing documentary films for the government.



WINCEBERG

IN 1949, HE and Shlomo Enreich, then westcoast shaliah for Hechalutz, had an idea for a film to publicize the Hechalutz training program. Gould made all the arrangements for getting the film made at the bare technical cost, with nearly everyone agreeing to donate his service, and even a film laboratory (Consolidated) offering to do the work at reduced rates. Gould went to live at the Colton, Calif., hakhsarah farm for two weeks, to get background material for the script.

The westcoast leadership of Hechalutz, meanwhile, had done nothing toward raising the \$2000-\$2500 needed to make the film, a half-hour 16mm color soundfilm, with an original musical score (Maurice Goldman), which, if done commercially, would have cost about \$20,000.

FINALLY, DAVID SHACHAM, a new Hechalutz shaliah in N. Y., who was himself interested in films, got the project back on the agenda somehow, and set about to raise the necessary money, finally obtaining a promise of \$500 from Hechalutz, and a vague promise from the Jewish National Fund for another \$1500. Hechalutz also offered full co-operation in the production.

Well sir, the idea had been to make the picture at Colton, some 60 miles from H'wood, but Colton meanwhile had closed down (possibly due to lack of publicity) and Art and his wife Sylvia (a one-time wheel in the Washington D. C. Habonim) wound up making a 6000 mile roundtrip to the Cream Ridge, N. J., training farm instead.

There they were, in Art's phrase, "met by an encampment of open hostility." ("Impatience," Sylvia charitably modified.) Not the slightest preparation had been made by Hechalutz. The trainees were, perhaps reasonably, suspicious of being turned into a subject for a Hollywood rah-rah affair. There were thirty script-critics, and what little co-operation Gould had was given most grudgingly. In fact, the boy selected to play the lead (Harold Abramovitch from Toronto, whom Art describes as a "more virile Dan Dailey type") was treated as something of a renegade by the others, and eventually left the farm.

THE STORY WAS THAT OF A BOY who joins a hakhsarah, but, once the novelty has worn off, neglects his duties, causes a loss to the farm, is ostracized, leaves; then, on New York's Eastside, sees his situation as a Jew in a new perspective, and returns to the farm.

Art geared the script according to his theory that he wanted the film to attract trainees and money, in that order, and is frank to admit that the trainees at Cream Ridge rather resented the story.

Anyhow, the thing was completed in three gruelling weeks, and Gould returned to Hollywood, made a workprint, made a rough cut, but didn't have enough money to finish the film. Hechalutz had given him some \$600, and he had so far added \$400 of his own. Almost \$1500 were still needed for scoring, final editing, dialogue and music track to be transferred from tape to the optical soundtrack, special effects and a final answer print. Stalemate.

THIRD ACT. ART RECEIVES an urgent letter from Chanan Prinz, a new Hechalutz shaliah in N. Y., requesting the workprint, and assuring Art of its immediate return. This was over a year ago. Art never saw that print again. Repeated requests pleading for its return were ignored.

Finally, a new shaliah took over, and assured Art he would try to find the print, but meanwhile the office had moved and Prinz had returned to Israel. And there the matter rests.

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# A MAN IN ISRAEL LOOKS AT HADASSAH

By WILLIAM KRAMER

National Jewish Post Correspondent  
JERUSALEM (NJP)—Forgive me, "girls," but like a good

many other men I could never take women's organizations very seriously. Hadassah was no exception. All women's groups seemed to me as having only one major purpose and that was posing for the caricaturist of The New Yorker. At best the ladies met together to donate their husbands' money providing a musical countertheme of crinkly bills and tinkly coins to the dominant motif of gossip. Well, that's what I used to think.

After only a few months of my year's study in Israel, I joyfully recant. Invite me to donors, ask me to bundle up parcels for Israel, get me to sell chances for doorprizes. I'll do it gladly, delighted and proud of the association, for I have seen Hadassah at work.

**HADASSAH SETS THE STANDARD** for all overseas agencies in Israel. It is Israel's mother, personified in the reverence here for Miss Szold and manifest in a thousand ways, giving succor and aid to all—Jew, Arab, Druze, Christian—yes, all. And its operation is a model of efficiency.

I've visited many of the Hadassah installations from hospitals and infant care stations, social service centers and dental clinics, the Medical School and Nurses Training School to the Hotel School and the Fashion School. I've also been to many of the Hadassah supported Youth Aliyah centers. Bless you all, Hadassah gets the highest marks, for the best job done in Israel.

**HERE ARE SOME** of the things that impressed me most: Whether in a ma'abara transient camp, a workshop or in a visitors' club, you feel that the worker is more than just an employee. Hadassah's staffs here, executives and unskilled, professionals and volunteers feel and demonstrate a purposefulness in their work that partakes deeply of the fast-passing spirit of halutzut that was once this nation's greatest resource.

I asked one member of the staff of an agency of Hadassah to please show me around "her" institution. I explained that I wanted to ask detailed questions since I would write and lecture in the States. Fine, responded the lady. Come Wednesday, she said. I did and only after three hours did I learn that it was on her time off that we visited.

**I WENT** to a cheery ward of the Tuberculosis Hospital in Jerusalem. Seeing the staff member with me, a Beduin patient called out lovingly to her in Hebrew, quickly but thoroughly washed her hands, and then shook hands with us. She was responding excellently to treatment for T. B.; she was learning sanitation. She was studying Hebrew. She, a wandering Beduin from the desert sands of Negev, referred by the Hadassah hospital in Beersheba, was being emancipated from the veil. This somewhat aboriginal tattooed woman from the wilderness was getting back life, and a new life at that, because devoted Hadassah workers, magnificently supported by chapters in the States are aware of individual differences and needs. Hadassah serves the whole person not just the illness. And this Beduin woman was doing her part by teaching her native embroidery to the other patients.

**THERE IS MORE,** much more, that I could say of devotion and skill. But to sample one of my impressions. Good management—at a time when many agencies, governmental and private, are using the bricks and sticks that could make new homes for offices already housed, Hadassah has done miracles of space engineering. It has made clean and efficient quarters for hospital purposes out of old buildings, including missions whose purpose was to convert our people away from the ancestral faith, prisons, private mansions turning to ruins, and even an ex-harem building. In its new construction program it has skipped the gingerbread in favor of economy and utility—all this with a fine eye for good taste and decoration that have a healing power of their own.

**HADASSAH** teaches responsibility. Whenever possible, clients and patients participate financially in their being aided. Sometimes the amounts are so tiny that the paper work costs more than the income, but Hadassah knows that the therapy or guidance is more likely to be followed if there is financial participation. What's more, Israelis learn from the local services that what they get is cheerfully given but that it doesn't fall from the skies, that it represents energies and sacrifices from the Jewish women of America. Hadassah's client

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MRS. HELEN SPECTOR  
Santa Fe, N. M.

**SPECTOR** (also spelled Spector) is an interesting family name. It is a Yiddish synonym of the English "inspector" and indicates a "Hebrew teacher." About 150 years ago, Russian and Polish Jews were barred from residing in a series of large cities. Exceptions were made in favor of wealthy and influential Jews and their kin. The government often allowed a Hebrew teacher as a member of the household. These Hebrew teachers would often register with the police with the title of "Spector," a glorification of their humble status. Such teachers or their descendants took their name from this title. A real inspector was usually the principal or supervisor of a government school. The family name was made famous by many distinguished bearers, among them the famous Rabbi Isaac Elhanan Spector, the author Mordecai Spector, and many others.

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### Michalofsky

● Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

For many years I have been interested in the meaning and origin of my maiden name, Michalofsky. I was born in the village of Jeleniewo, Poland. Thank you.

MRS. ROSE STORICK  
Brooklyn

**MICHALOFSKY** (more correctly Michalowski) is a name of geographic origin. It is taken from the name of a village. The village was Michalow (Michaelstown). There are hundreds of villages so named in Poland. In close proximity to Jeleniewo in the government of Suwalki there are two such villages. Presumably your ancestors took their name from one of them.

## WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

### THERE IS NO JEWISH LAW BARRING CONSCRIPTION OF WOMEN

By HELEN COHEN

**T**HE pronouncements from Israel by those who are finding fault with the Government's attempt to draft women for military or even non-military service have so far been confined to such vague statements as that it is counter to Jewish law. They would leave us with the impression that a specific and vital divine commandment would be broken.

There is no such law. There is a commandment (two, rather, numbers 39 and 40 negative) which states that women shall not wear the apparel or ornaments of men, nor men of women (because, we are told, that was the custom of idolators). From this commandment was derived, in the rulings found in the Talmud, the rule that women may not carry weapons.

We can think of a great many other occupations which, by the same method of deduction, could be closed to women, including being a judge or a member of Knesset.



HELEN COHEN

**THIS DOES NOT MEAN** that I am in favor of women fighting. I am aware, as is Dr. Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, who was criticized for her stand, that women are not and never have been constituted to find themselves at home among the horrors of battle. But nowadays bombs fall on young and old, male and female alike. And we know that Israel needed the help of every one of the women who shouldered a gun during its fight for independence.

If the Government feels that women are still needed—if in non-military work for those unwilling actually to bear arms—who can quarrel with that decision?

I wonder what explanation is given by those same critics for the part taken by the Biblical heroine Deborah in the battle against the Canaanites.

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**IF** it is any comfort to us, the secular aspect of the various Christian holidays is almost as much a source of displeasure to the Christian leaders, for another reason, as it is to those who are trying to raise their children as Jews in a predominantly Christian environment.

We fume at the great hold the customs of Easter and Christmas and Halloween have upon our young, because after all these are part of the Christian religion. And the Christians worry that their children are concerning themselves with the non-religious practices of Easter eggs and bunnies and fancy trimmings for the Christmas tree and rowdy carryings-on in Halloween costumes on the night which is supposed to be set aside for hallowing their saints.

It is a comforting thought, during the trying week following the night when witches are abroad, that if I get fed up enough with the ungodly quantity of un-nutritious sweets carted homeward that evening, I can put my foot down and say, nothing doing next year, it's not our holiday.

M. A.: Sorry, there have been no replies.

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**A** LETTER from Mrs. Oscar Kline, 209 N. 9th St., Newark, N. J., seeking more information on the musical skit mentioned here which contained the take-off on the song "Some Enchanted Evening."

I'm sure the program chairman of your local section of the Council of Jewish Women can tell you where to write to National for the material. In fact, most of the women's organizations furnish their local chapters with similar program scripts which can be adapted to local conditions.

The original title of this particular skit, Mrs. Kline, was "South Terrific."

tele respects the ladies overseas, and knows them as sisters. Uncle Sam may be Uncle Sucker to some of the unenlightened of Europe and Asia, but Sister Hadassah is nobody's fool in Israel.

**AND THERE IS** one last point that seems very important to me. Hadassah knows how to give up responsibility and authority. So many organizations carry on activities that are obsolete or better done by others, or continually expand for the sake of bigness and power. Hadassah knows how to withdraw services as well as extend them. With the development of the State, Hadassah has turned over many functions to the Government. This is done in such a way as to make a smooth transition in terms of plant, personnel and budget. Like any wise parent Hadassah gives responsibility as it can be safely assumed.

By setting the highest standards, Hadassah contributes not only its many functions but gives a challenge to the new culture. It is the challenge of new knowledge, of the best of western civilization, to the old-new people of the east.

To the "girls" of Hadassah, a salute.

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## THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

**I** DON'T know how many of you are familiar with the Christian Science Monitor other than by reputation. But in any even consider it superior to The fact that it is one of the leading newspapers of the day; some even consider it superior to the New York Times, although obviously it cannot compete with that paper in coverage.

We should not be considered immodest then if we say that we have sought to pattern our development along the lines of The Christian Science Monitor. Although it is true that the paper is a daily and has a circulation of 150,000, still it is a class publication, it is national, and it is published in a number of editions, covering various sections of the country.

**NOW WE DON'T** claim that The Post is anywhere near to The Christian Science Monitor in any of the departments of a newspaper, but still we have recognized that in a sense, the problems of circulation and advertising which The Monitor has so successfully overcome, are exactly the same problems with which we must wrestle, so that if we attempt to follow The Monitor in our planning, we are merely using good sense.

The Monitor carries a substantial advertising lineage from national concerns, but for the most part, and this is the bulk of their income from advertising, I feel almost certain, their advertising is local from firms in towns scattered throughout the United States. These are printed in solid columns like classified advertising in the daily papers, column after column, with only

the name of the city on top of the column to denote where the firms are located.

Knowing the reputation of Christian Scientists for supporting firms that advertise in The Monitor, I have no doubt but that these ads, small as they are, reward the advertiser well.

**I BRING** all this to your attention, to point up a similar development in The Post. It has been exceedingly enheartening to us to find that we have reached the point in our standing throughout the U. S. Jewish community, that we can sell advertising to local firms in towns throughout the United States and thus add immeasurably to our potential for advertising revenue. What this means in terms of the future of The Post is a little too early to foretell; but if The Monitor must rely on this income despite the large volume of national advertising it carries, then perhaps this will be a significant part of our future operation too.

Of course we do not sell this kind of advertising in communities where there are local Anglo-Jewish papers. And since there is an Anglo-Jewish paper in almost every large city, we are limited to a great extent. Yet we are all very happy about the possibilities of increased advertising income from this new source. It should show up soon in an additional four more pages, which would then give us the space to add many of the features we planned for these many months, but had to hold up pending additional columns for reading matter.

## Post-Lines of Yester-year

5, 10, AND 15 YEARS AGO

November 6, 1942

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Secretary of State Cordell Hull, replying to a memorandum submitted to him in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Balfour Declaration, issued a statement reiterating the sympathy of the American people with the efforts of American Jewry for the rebuilding of

Palestine and assuring that after the victory of the United Nations, the Jewish people will enjoy "equality and justice" and that "under the terms of the Atlantic Charter the United Nations will be prepared not only to redeem their hopes of a future world based upon freedom, equality and justice, but to create a world in which such a tragedy will not again occur."

November 7, 1942

LONDON — Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the House of Commons that the British Government will not cancel its contracts to deliver arms to the Arab states, and that precautions were being taken to prevent any

## JDC, ORT PACT SAVES ORT TRAINING SCHOOLS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK (NJP) — The trade schools maintained in Israel by the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT), have been rescued from near collapse with the reaching of a tentative, oral agreement between the American ORT Federation and the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

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### Calendar

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Shushan Purim — March 2  
Pessah — March 31-April 7

Operating schools in 16 cities and towns in Israel, American ORT officials have been worried by the rising deficit, which by the end of 1952 will be close to \$190,000. The Israel ORT schools are supported primarily by the Jewish communities in South Africa and Canada. American ORT until now has been prohibited by the JDC from allocating for Israel money raised in this country.

### SUBSIDIZED BY JDC

JDC is one of the three main beneficiaries from United Jewish Appeal funds and ORT in turn is subsidized by JDC, at the price of enaging in no fund-raising.

In its agreement with ORT, JDC restricted use of its funds to Europe, North Africa and Iran and excluded any allocation for Israel.

A spokesman for JDC told The Post that JDC denied the Ameri-

can ORT Federation any allocation for Israel on the grounds that money was available from other sources, principally South Africa.

### FUNDS DECLINE

However, there is now a major decline in funds from South Africa, and ORT's activities in Israel are in jeopardy. The Israel ORT schools also receive an allocation from the Women's Division of the American ORT Federation, but this money is from membership dues and constitutes only a fraction of the cost of maintaining the ORT institutions.

A request by the American ORT Federation to the JDC that the 1953 financial arrangement include the support of Israel schools has been approved in principle.

ORT now is training 20,000 persons in nineteen countries.

Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn, London, England.

## Council School Not To Be Challenged

**N**O matter what your views are on Zionism, you can hardly disapprove of the religious schools being set up by the American Council for Judaism.

For some time, the most cogent criticism of this anti-Zionist body was the fact that its title was a misnomer. Although it adopted the title "Council for Judaism," it took no part whatsoever in the work in the field of Judaism.

Now that has been corrected. There will be many who will feel that the children are being misguided in the de-emphasis on Israel which will be the distinguishing mark of the instruction in the Council schools.

**BUT IF THE ARTICLE** in last week's Post

## Will We Lose 1 to 2 Million American Jews?

**T**HE prediction made by Rabbi Simon Noveck that in fifty years "one to two million" American Jews would assimilate, cannot be challenged successfully on the basis of the present state of the Jewish group and of Judaism in the United States.

But less than ten years ago, rabbis and lay leaders were making public estimates as low as 200,000 Jews remaining in the U. S. in twenty-five years. The inroads of assimilation and the headlong flight away from things Jewish at that time led men of deep insight and calm judgement to make such assertions.

**RABBI NOVECK, ACCORDING TO THE** article in last week's Post, noted signs of a reviving interest of Jews in Jewish ritual, but obviously he did not consider these so significant that they meant that not only would the Jewish group not be seriously affected by assimilation, but even perhaps grow both in number and in Jewish conviction.

Yet a good case could be made for just such development. Most certainly the pendulum has swung backward from the day when a Jew was

## Brandeis-Football or Scholarship?

**W**E are not as unacquainted with football as The Jewish Post's Boston correspondent seemed to be, who last week reported that if the Brandeis U. Judges continued their winning ways on the gridiron for the remainder of the season they "will enter big time football next season."

In fact, we aren't even sure whether that hoped for goal is so desirable.

Big-time football today can easily subvert an institution from a hallowed place of learning to one whose principal reason for existence seems to be to produce a juggernaut on the football field that can overpower all opposition. If it is not inevitable that a winning team indicates many perversions of the ideals of a higher institution of learning, in so many cases that is exactly what has happened, it could almost be said to be axiomatic.

**A WINNING ELEVEN AT BRANDEIS** that could take on Notre Dame in one week, and then Michigan State and Maryland in successive weeks, is just what many Brandeis adherents think would "make" the school.

But prowess in athletics at Brandeis is not a

primary objective. We have the word of Abram Sachar on that. Which is another reason why Brandeis U. was so fortunate in its selection of a president.

**TEN OR FIFTEEN YEARS** and more ago, the Jewish group needed the morale-boosting of a Benny Leonard or a Barney Ross, a Hank Greenberg and a Benny Friedman. That was a necessary stage in the maturing of the Jewish group. The Negro is going through that same evolution even now.

But important as is athletic achievement, it never has been a primary Jewish aspiration. It was the Greeks and the Romans who admired and placed a halo around physical prowess. Israel may change that, and no one will object. Although then it is likely that more Jews (and non-Jews) will learn about Brandeis because of its exploits on the gridiron than through its researches, the real achievements of Brandeis will be in the classrooms and the laboratories, and in the devotion of its students and its faculty to the traditional Jewish virtue which placed study above all, and made it, with worship and good acts, a form of adoration of the divinity.

It is still early to say that the Jewish community has become positive, dropping its tendency to view anything Jewish from a negative standpoint.

Yet it would not be intelligent to ignore the many factors which would indicate that the movement or revival will grow and perhaps become cumulative to the point where the Jewish community of the United States will actually become creative Jewishly.

## Kesselring Demands: Free War Criminals

BERLIN (NJP) — A new spokesman for freedom entered the German scene, when former Field Marshall Albert Kesselring, following his release two weeks ago from a British zone prison where he was serving a war crimes sentence, demanded the release of 1,000 Germans still serving similar sentences.

Kesselring, who was granted clemency, argued that "there are war criminals running free in the world who were not convicted by anybody."

Meanwhile, the British authorities released another war criminal and reduced the terms of two others.

Max Wielen was granted clemency because of "bad health. His life sentence for his role in the murder of prisoners previously had been reduced to 15 years.

Ernst Doll, who was sentenced to 20 years in 1948, had his term reduced to 12 years, and Admiral Horstmann's 15-year term was reduced to 11 years.

Kvutzat Ginnegar, Israel, whose first project had been the planting of the Balfour Forest, last week celebrated its 30th anniversary.

## Israel May Get Free TV Station

JERUSALEM — Israel may be presented with a free television transmission station, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Brigadier General David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America (RCA), and Benjamin Abrams, president of the Emerson Radio Corporation, both of whom recently visited Israel, made

the offer to Zvi Prihar, former Israel Postmaster General, on his recent visit to the U.S.

On his return to Israel, Prihar told the press that he discussed the subject with the two men, and that he thought that thousands of television sets could be obtained cheaply.

The Vienna Jewish Community Council has decided to build a memorial to the 60,000 Jews of Leopoldstadt, formerly the main Jewish district of the Austrian capital, who were murdered by the Nazis.

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LEVIN

Of course I know that the desperation of each task precluded much concern for the historic record. To get a group of people through the underground of Europe, to get a ship through the blockade, to secure landing rights for planes in Aden—all these were always tasks of supreme urgency accomplished with too little means. And the exhausted leaders had little time to organize the taking of a historical record.

YET, as these events went on, over a period of years, there were writers and film-makers, and I am one of them, who literally begged persons in authority in the Israel Government and in the American Joint Distribution Committee to give us the opportunity to record these events while they were alive, and before they had to be viewed as research projects. We didn't have much luck. Usually we were put off with the explanation that these activities had to be carried on in secret. Or else, that some other authority would have to be sought.

Now, we are already beginning to feel the paucity of the record. The case of the Yemenite migration, one of the most romantic in all history, is a sad case in point. Shlomo Barer's book is the breathlessly snatched record of a radio-interviewer who managed to get down to Aden for a few weeks, where he stayed at the reception camp for the people who came out of Yemen. The real story of course was in Yemen. Perhaps it is true that it would have been impossible for anyone to get into that country: I rather doubt it. These adventures can always be arranged, if one tries hard enough. For this story, great efforts would have been worthwhile.

I WRITE of this with some personal knowledge, because for nearly two years, while the Yemenite migration was in progress, I bombarded authorities with let-

ters, begging to be permitted to record this movement on film. I had just completed The Illegals, which recorded the underground migration out of Europe. My pleading for permission to do the Yemenite story met with no response.

I was in Tel Aviv when the story of the migration was finally released to the press, and again I wrote this time to Ben Gurion, begging that it be put on film. In response, an amateur cameraman with a 16mm. camera was sent down for a few days, while half a dozen good professional documentarists were left sitting in Tel Aviv. The results of course were merely tantalizing enough to show that a great historical film was there, unmade, and now forever lost.

MR. BARER'S book confirms this. He has at least put on paper something of the atmosphere of the camp, something of the history and character of the Yemenites, and hints at the secret ways in which they were brought out of their country.

Unfortunately, he has been so impressed with the story, that he has injected, at least in the first part, too much of his own wonder at his task. Like the amateur cameraman who brought back many closeups of the pilot of the plane, and very few closeups of the Yemenites.

The second half of the book, however, is solid, important background material, and it contains a few short descriptions, of biblical quality, written by the Yemenites themselves.

HISTORY is still being made, and lost, in Israel. Is it too much

## Iraq UN Delegate Quotes Zukerman

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (WNS) — William Zukerman, anti-Zionist and anti-Orthodox editor of The Jewish Newletter and the former Jewish World Service, has now joined the Bible as a source cited by the Arabs in their claims and arguments against Israel.

Foreign Minister Jamali of Iraq, arguing at the UN General Assembly that Israel had subjected the Arabs to greater suffering than Hitler had inflicted upon the Jews, quoted editorial matter from Zukerman's Newsletter to buttress his case against Israel.

An Israel delegate said there is documentary evidence proving that Jamali visited Germany in 1937, when he was director of the Iraq Ministry of Education, where he was well-received by the top Nazi leaders, and where he completed plans to have an Iraq youth delegation attend the Nazi youth rally at Nuremberg in 1938 with a view to developing Iraq's youth movement along the Hitler youth lines.

## Trial Set on 'Medical Experiments'

METZ, Germany (NJP)—Former Medical Officer Eugen Haagen and Professor Otto Birkenbach will be tried by a military court here in December for participating in "medical experiments" carried out on inmates of the Stuthof-Natzweiler concentration camp. Both men were on the medical faculty of Strasbourg University during the war.

to hope for an action-bringing awareness, even though belated, of the importance of the record?

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## U. of Mass. Smashes Brandeis U. 26-6

WALTHAM, Mass. (NJP)—By the waters of Massachusetts, there we sat and wept . . .

This may have been the theme of some ardent grid fans last weekend, when the Brandeis U. football team, coming on the field with an undefeated, untied record, was smashed by the U. of Mass., 26-6.

Some 3,500 Homecoming Day spectators at Marcus Field on the Brandeis campus saw the Judges reel before the U. of Mass. onslaught.

Nor was there any joy in the fact that this was only the Redmen's second victory of the season, against three losses and one tie.

## Brandeis Slates '52-'53 Cage Games

WALTHAM, Mass. (NJP) — The Brandeis University basketball team this week announced a 21-game schedule for the 1952-3 season, which will open Dec. 6 against Gorham Teachers College.

The schedule includes games against West Point, Boston University, Boston College and Brooklyn College.

The 25-man squad includes 14 lettermen from last year's team, which copped 13 games and lost nine.

## Pound Rate Dropped For Israel Tourists

JERUSALEM—In a continued effort to stimulate tourism to Israel, which this year had shown a marked drop from last year, the Ministry of Finance announced last week that tourists will now be able to buy Israel pounds at the rate of \$1 for IL.1

The exchange rate for tourists was \$1.40 since Feb. 13, before which the rate for all purposes was \$2.80.

The new regulation, which applies also to members of the diplomatic corps, automatically reduces all prices of goods and services purchased with Letters of Credit.

The new shift in the exchange rate is seen also as recognition that the value of the Israel pound has declined and as an effort to induce tourists to change more of their money through official channels. On the international free market, the pound can be bought for about 50 cents, and it is said that it can be bought for as low as 35 cents, or less, on the black market.

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## I THINK AS I PLEASE WHAT WILL BLACK MARKETEERS DO WHEN BLACK MARKET IS ABOLISHED?

By CARL ALPERT

THE story is frequently told of the American visitor who asked his guide to escort him to the black market, expecting to be shown an exotic bazaar, hidden somewhere in the dark mysterious reaches of the city.

Actually, of course, there is no such place. The black market in Israel exists everywhere—in stores, on street corners, at household doors—wherever a buyer and a seller get together on a transaction which is forbidden by present law.

In one sense the American will be reminded of the "under-the-counter" sales in which many butchers engaged during the rationing of meat in the United States a few years ago. The transactions were illegal, but none who engaged in them felt that they were breaking a law. It was more a violation of a social norm, and even this aspect lost its sharpness after a while. American housewives used to boast about their "deals."

In Israel, too, where the majority of the population engage in such deals, no one any longer has the feeling that he is a law-breaker. Stealthiness or guilty consciences are non-existent. Here the black market is fostered by the elementary desire of the individual to obtain more to eat. Major commodities which pass through these channels are basic necessities, like meat and eggs, or rare luxuries, like chocolate. An individual is allotted about a quarter of a pound of meat a week. When the fats are trimmed off (at home) this shrinks to about half the weight. Obviously the temptation to acquire additional meat supplies is great.

AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES two fresh eggs a week, selling at about five cents each. If he wishes, he will have no difficulty finding many more eggs elsewhere—at twenty cents each. Most black market prices run to about the same proportion.

Considering the volume of black business, one might wonder what would happen if all restrictions were lifted and the illegal supplies were marketed openly. Apples at a dollar a pound, unrationed, may be one index. It is impossible to condemn those who engage in black market practices, because the motivation can not be lightly dismissed.

Yet there is no denying that the present system has contributed to a moral deterioration and to a general disrespect for law and authority, similar to that caused in the United States by the existence of the unenforceable and impractical Prohibition laws.

AS I SAID at the outset, the black market exists everywhere and openly. Hawkers of milk chocolate stand brazenly on the street corners of the cities, and call out their wares to all passers. The police walk by and take no notice.

A few days after we moved into our apartment there was a knock at the door, and a vendor identified himself as the "black" operator in the neighborhood. This was his route, and he would make regular calls with whatever we wished. Fortified by the security of our well-stocked larder we could banish him magnificently.

IN TEL AVIV the scandal of excessive rates charged by taxi-cab drivers got so far out of control that the operators of the cabs made a simple proposal to the Government: recognize the present black market rates as legal, and it was guaranteed that there would be no further deviation!

Attempts by the Government to enforce the ration and price-fixing regulations are sporadic and ineffective, largely because of the widespread nature of the disease. Frequent searches are made on the roads, and trucks are often intercepted in the act of carrying farm or dairy products to the cities outside of the legally established channels. Nothing has deterred the traffic. The kibbutzim, once considered bulwarks of idealism and paragons of virtue, are today among the most flagrant offenders, and are profiteering accordingly.

OUT on the roads, Arab boys flagged down our car and offered eggs—at about fourteen cents each, themselves undercutting city black market rate.

In a small hotel up on the northern border, just a stone's throw from the Lebanese frontier, we were offered a full course chicken dinner, without the need of producing ration points. This kind of black market is looked



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upon even more leniently by the public, since the chickens were obviously smuggled across the line from Lebanon, and thus represent a net addition to Israel's food supply, rather than a diversion.

A FEW years ago, the authorities, in their zeal to crack down, organized refrigerator search units, empowered to enter private homes and investigate the contents of the ice boxes. Housewives found in possession of more than they were entitled to, received summonses. However, public indignation waxed so hot at these invasions, that they were abruptly discontinued. Personal liberty is still safe in this sturdy democracy.

There is nothing basically wrong here that additional food supplies will not cure. Fruits and vegetables which a year ago did a flourishing black business, are this year more plentiful, and black operations have ceased in these commodities. More meat and eggs on the market will remove these products from the "Shook Hashahor" (black market.)

THE SITUATION is inevitably related to the larger problem of Israel's economic well-being. An expanding industry, rising production and increasing export, will change the picture.

This sad fact remains true: Israel can not produce enough food to feed its population, and imports can be purchased only for hard cash or in exchange for Israel's own exports.

While it is true that the black market today thrives in Israel, it is already doomed by the rapid growth in Israel's industry and commerce. Official lethargy in the face of evil may almost be ascribed to this ready expectation of continued improvement in the food supplies. But what will then happen to the black marketeers, those who made their living in these enterprises and made it a practice to flout the laws?

Those who recall the legacy which Prohibition left in the United States have reason to be concerned in Israel.

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## End of Israel's 'Frantic Borrowing' Seen by Glasser



HAROLD GLASSER

'End of Frantic Borrowing'

DALLAS, Tex. (NJP)—"For the first time since the state was established, there is a real prospect that the economy of Israel will be free to develop without the constant interference of new emergencies."

This optimistic assertion was made by Harold Glasser, director of the Institute on Overseas Studies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at the recent conference here of the CJFWS Southwest Region.

The 150 leaders of the 19 Jewish communities comprising the region also heard Glasser declare that "the U. S. grant-in-aid and promised reparations from Germany will take the place of, and, we hope, end forever, Israel's era of frantic borrowing."

### COUNT ON AID

Emphasizing, however, that American philanthropic assistance to Israel is as necessary in 1952 as previously, Glasser asserted that the people and Government of Israel "are counting on the continuation of this aid in undiminished volume . . . to help insure the stability, maintenance and development of the country . . ."

"Our efforts to provide maximum free dollars, purchase of Israel bonds, and investment of private capital," he declared, "are essential for finishing the job of integrating economically the 700,000 immigrants who arrived in Israel the past four years."

### SUPPORT NCRAC

The delegates also reaffirmed their belief in the principles and objectives of the National Community Relations Advisory Council as the central coordinating agency in the Jewish community relations field, and called on the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the American Jewish Committee, "in accordance with the will of the majority of the communities as reflected by resolutions passed throughout the country," to re-enter the NCRAC as soon as possible to achieve the "basic objective of most effectively serving the American Jewish community."

The two agencies left the NCRAC in Sept., when that body, at its Atlantic City conference, adopted the Barr Resolution for coordination of the Jewish community relations field.

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## Silver Did Great Service by Clearing Ike of Anti-Semitism Charges

By M. Z. FRANK

THESE lines, typed shortly after Silver's political statement, are not likely to see print until after the presidential elections, when, it is hoped, the political passions will cool down a bit.

My purpose is to note that Silver did a great service to Zionism, to American Jews and to America by issuing a statement clearing Eisenhower of any taint of anti-Jewish bias. It will do nobody any good if one of the two major American parties is labeled anti-Semitic and the other as pro-Semitic.

Although Truman did not expressly name Eisenhower as anti-Semitic, the implications of his words came pretty close to it, at least in the mind of the public which did not usually bother to examine the text closely. The fact that Silver's demarche compelled Truman to clarify his words is already an achievement.

ONE OF SILVER'S MAJOR achievements during the years of his leadership is that he broke the habit of the Zionists and of the Jewish public in general to look only to one party for any friendly act or gesture and to give up the other for lost. It is true that now and then Silver himself did not consistently maintain this bi-partisan approach, and went off the deep end in favor of the Republicans. This was especially the

case with his telegram to Dewey during the elections of 1948. It may even reasonably be argued that in his recent act, the words used against Truman were too strong. But these are minor faults.

This does not mean that Jews ought to vote for Eisenhower if they think Stevenson is the better man, and I think most Jews do prefer Stevenson. But it does mean that no vote should be cast one way or the other on the basis of the notion that one of the two candidates is anti-Semitic. Assuming that Eisenhower did surrender to Taft—and I don't think that, if elected, he'd stay surrendered for four years—Taft is far from being anti-Semitic himself. He is one of the staunchest friends of Zionism.

But, as I said, these lines will not influence the elections.

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IN Tel Aviv, Rabbi Irving Miller was interviewed by Dana Adams Schmidt of The New York Times, and the result is a dispatch which falls short of the accuracy and reliability we are accustomed to look to from Schmidt. Whether it was Schmidt's fault or Miller's fault, the reader got the impression that Ben-Gurion is running the affairs of American Zionism from Jerusalem; that B. G. wanted a federation of all Zionists, but Miller convinced him an expansion of the functions of the Zionist Council would do.

The facts are that in the World Zionist Organization, Ben-Gurion occupies a position lower in rank than Berl Locker, Nahum Goldmann, Hayim Greenberg, Rose Halprin, Eliyahu Dobkin, Zvi Herman or Joseph

Schechtman. He is not a member of the Executive, but only of the Actions Committee or General Council—like Abraham Redelheim or Pinhas Cruso. He exerts a certain moral influence because of his position as Prime Minister and as a strong personality; but he does not always get his way, certainly not very easily.

For years he has vainly been trying to get his own Labor Zionists in America to merge with the Farband and the Pioneer Women, and, believe it or not, the Pioneer Women have refused to be guided by Ben-Gurion's views.

His attempts to induce the other parties to federate have not even reached the stage of serious discussion.

THE ALTERNATE PROPOSAL—to expand the activities of the American Zionist Council—were worked out by the leaders of the Council together with the American heads of the Jewish Agency. Before Miller went to Israel, Ben-Gurion must have known that his project is unacceptable to American Zionists. Miller may be the first man to whom Ben-Gurion expressed his acceptance of the inevitable.

I have so far published three theories to explain why B. G. invited Miller to Israel:

- to counterbalance Goldmann;
- to attract private capital;
- to create a favorable climate for taking the General Zionists into the coalition.

A fourth theory is advanced in informed circles: to prepare the ground for Silver's return to power, if the Republicans win.



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# Jewish Agency Steps Up Drive to Draw English-speaking Halutzit

By LEON AVIGDOR

National Jewish Post Correspondent

JERUSALEM (NJP)—The Jewish Agency is initiating an all-out campaign to stimulate English-speaking immigration to Israel, The Post learned this week.

In an interview with The Post, Dr. Giora Josephthal, chairman of the absorption department of the Jewish Agency, disclosed that the Agency had earmarked two million pounds, partly in foreign currency, for a special housing scheme for immigrants from English-speaking countries, particularly from America.

At the same time, Rabbi David Weingarten, director of the halutzit department of the Jewish Agency in New York, arrived here to explore new possibilities for the vocational absorption and settlement of American immigrants.

Rabbi Weingarten made special contact with some of the largest employers in the country, particularly the Government, the Jewish Agency here, Solel Boneh (contracting firm of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor), Kupat Holim (the medical wing of Histadrut), the Palestine Economic Corporation, municipalities, private businessmen and directors of school systems, with a view to getting concrete offers of employment for American technicians and professionals.

Dr. Josephthal told The Post that the special two million pound budget would be allocated at the cost of reductions in other Agency activities, while English-speaking absorption activities would be expanded. He added that there would be a parallel expansion in the ulpan Hebrew courses for newcomers from the English-speaking countries.

The two million budget, Josephthal explained, half of which would be provided by the Israel Government, would be spent for the construction of special type permanent housing "suitable to Anglo-Saxon living standards."

Final arrangements for the scheme have not yet been made, the Jewish Agency official added, and the scheme is still to be considered by the world Zionist executive at its meeting here later this month, but he said settlers would be asked to participate in the initial financing, if possible in foreign currency. This would enable the new settlers to obtain good and comparatively inexpensive homes, he said.

The solution of the housing problem, Josephthal continued, which is "terribly acute" in Israel, would remove an important obstacle to English-speaking immigration and recruitment of specialists for government jobs and public and private enterprises.

Josephthal emphasized that the Jewish Agency would make an "extraordinary effort" to attract English-speaking immigration, although "it is clear" that this cannot be large.

This policy was strongly supported by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, in a talk he delivered at the opening of the special ulpan Hebrew training center at Ma'ale Hahamisha last week.

Several other members of the Jewish Agency executive, however, expressed doubt whether the new project would be granted priority over other commitments.

Meanwhile, Rabbi Weingarten stressed that the main obstacle to American immigration was the problem of employment. American technicians and professionals, he asserted, wanted to have definite assurances that they would be going to Israel to specific assignments, and not just to look for jobs.

He said it was planned to set up in New York committees of experts in the various fields who would screen potential emigrants. His own special mission in Israel, he explained, was to get commitments from potential employers authorizing the American screening boards to offer potential immigrants definite and binding contracts.

Haifa, Israel, last week inaugurated its first zoo, on Mount Carmel.

The Board of Deputies of British Jewry has begun to lay the groundwork for the tercentenary celebration in 1956 of the re-settlement of Jews in England.

## Israel Negotiates To Save Citizenship Of U.S. Draftees

NEW YORK (NJP)—An Israel Government spokesman, commenting on the conflict between Israel's military conscription law and a provision in the McCarran Act which forbids Americans from serving in foreign armies, disclosed this week that negotiations between the Israel Embassy and the State Department were begun a long time ago and are continuing in the hope that the 2,000 American citizens affected by the McCarran

rule will not have their American citizenship jeopardized.

The spokesman told The Post that while no definite agreement with the State Department has as yet been reached, the Israel Government hopes that the negotiations will be successful.

If the State Department can see no way to safeguard American citizens in Israel from the McCarran ruling, it is likely that Israel will exempt Americans from compulsory military service, The Post was informed.

The Israel negotiators in Washington are headed by Ambassador Abba Eban and a staff of experts from the Israel embassy.

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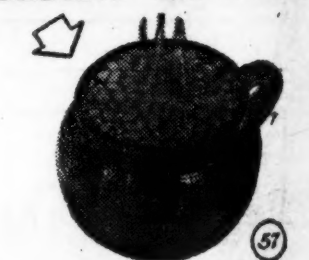
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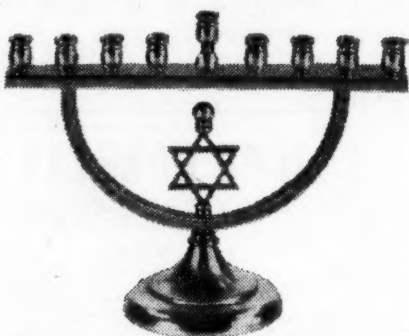
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